



SOCIAL PRINCIPLES: A RESOURCE FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY



COMMUNITY OF ALL CREATION

The Community of All Creation Section consists of three parts: the preface, which connects the topic to Wesleyan history, scripture, and theology; Creation in Peril, which addresses the degradation and destruction of the natural environment; and Stewardship of Creation, which outlines our commitment and call for positive change.

Topics Included in the Community of All Creation:

- Destruction of Ecosystems
- Dependence on Fossil Fuels
- Sustainable Policies and Practices
- Caring for All Creatures
- Affirming Science and Traditional Wisdom
- Global Warming and Climate Change
- Environmental Racism
- Food Justice
- Protecting Space

Read the Community of All Creation and Discuss

Use the following questions to guide personal study or facilitate small group discussions within your church. Focus on linking the issues to your local church and community, while keeping the broader global context in mind.

Explore Ways to Move From Discussion to Advocacy Translating Faith Into Action

- In response to Genesis 1:26-31, how should the church understand its role as a steward of creation and address the urgent issues of ecosystem destruction, climate change, and reliance on fossil fuels within our local and global contexts?
- Reflecting on Matthew 6:11 (“Give us today our daily bread.”), how can communities and societies work towards establishing food systems that are not only sustainable and equitable but also respectful of cultural diversity and the rights of indigenous peoples, ensuring access to healthy and nourishing food for all?
- How can we, as a church community, better understand and address the effects of environmental racism on marginalized communities, and what specific actions can we take to support these communities in combating environmental injustices and promoting equitable access to clean air, water, and safe living conditions?

Additional Resources:

John Wesley, “Upon Our Lord’s Sermon on the Mount”

Faith & Facts Cards (updated and released in 2025)

Faith & Justice Youth Curriculum (updated and released in 2025)

GBCS Environmental Justice Page : <https://www.umcjustice.org/what-we-care-about/environmental-justice>

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